

Governmental Affairs Committee Special Meeting Draft Minutes  
Thursday, February 18th, 2016. Laguna Apts.  
Co-Chairs Rusty M. and Anne-Marie J. presiding.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m

12 people in attendance, including 5 board members.

Announcements:

Nina S. reported the need for more Easter Egg baskets for the March 19th Easter Egg Hunt being held at Bellevue Park from 11:00 a.m. to 1p.m.

Robert P. reported upcoming meeting (Monday, Feb 22nd) of the joint Public Works/Gang Reduction Committees of the L.A. City Council. Agenda item to discuss is the Out-Front Billboard companies illegal cutting of trees. Meeting will take place at City Hall, room 350.

Rusty reported the ribbon cutting for the Street Scape Project.  
Amj and Rusty announced that implementation of membership/voting qualification, per the UD-PAC, was in affect for this meeting. Wanted to make sure all in the room sign in so their attendance is recorded.

This was a single discussion/possible action agenda;

Motion is read: Move that the Governmental Affairs Committee hold an April 2016 town hall meeting to discuss The Neighborhood Integrity Initiative: a potential ballot measure to place a 24 month moratorium on specific property developments in Los Angeles.

Motion was seconded by Scott P.

Jerome, Lee and Scott agree with the motion. Renee is against the initial motion. She and Paul believe it is premature to hold a town hall meeting on an initiative that may not be on the Nov. ballot. Jay wanted to know when the ballots will be confirmed. (later found out it was April 28th). Robert P. thought it was a good idea to get a head start on the issue realizes that pro initiative advocates are collecting the needed signatures to secure a ballot spot. He also recommended the SLNC join up with other NC's and make the town hall meeting a joint event. (he did not make that an amendment. It was only a suggestion). He also suggested that both Ryu and O'Farrell be in attendance. All agreed to his suggestion.

Jerome C. stated that is was not important if the initiative makes it to the ballot or not. It was more important to begin the conversation.

Rusty M. wanted to make sure the town hall would only be discussion ballots similar to the Integrity issue and not just any Nov ballot issue. It was confirmed only issues on this topic would be dealt with at the town hall.

Amj agreed and stated she didn't want Silver Lake to behind the 8 ball on this particular issue regardless if you are pro or con on the issue.

Jerome C. suggested that all ballot initiatives similar to this initiative be part of the town hall meeting.

Paul N. thought combining would be confusing and was against Jerome's suggestion.

There was healthy debate and the co-chairs asked for support on a few details before a vote on the motion:

All agreed a town hall would be a good idea.

All agreed the town hall will take place sometime in the third or fourth week of April. (Nina S. reminded the body of the holiday and of tax day).

All agreed that either Ivanhoe Elementary or Holy Virgin Mary would be good locations.

All agreed that any ballot initiative similar to the integrity Integrity Initiative be discussed at the town hall.

All agreed the co-chairs should proceed in securing a date and book a location. Co-chairs stated there will be a government affairs committee meeting prior to the town hall for updates.

Jerome C. made a Motion:

The Governmental Affairs Committee of the SLNC will hold a town hall meeting, sometime in mid to late April 2016, either at Ivanhoe Elementary School or Holy Virgin Mary, to discuss any or all potential ballot initiatives similar to the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative (dealing with affordable/ additional housing developments in Los Angeles proper).

Seconded by Amj.

12-0-0. Motion passes.

Meeting was adjourned by 7:45 p.m.